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From: Larry S. Kong
To: Michael Carone,
Supervisor for Examiners of Art Unit 3641
Date: February 6, 2004
Appn. No.: 10/724,643
Subject: Inquiry for updating the status of publications

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In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Appn. Number: 10/724,643
Appn. Filed: December 01, 2003
Applicant: Larry S. Kong
Title: Insert for Storing a Firearm Cartridge within
Cavity of Handgun Grip
Examiner/GAU: Lulit Semunegus, Unit 3641

Status of Publications

Sir,

My utility application (10724643) was allowed. The issue fee was paid and was recorded on 9-14-2004. Printer requested a Printer Rush on 10-1-2004 regarding missing initials or lines for IDS (cited by applicant), which was mailed and recorded on 2-17-2004 in compliance with the rule (within 3 months after filing the application).

Ms. Semunegus responded on 11-15-2004 and it was scanned and recorded on IFW. Ms. Through two telephone conversations and one e-mail exchange, Semunegus and I came to conclusion that "Printer Rush" should be finished on 11-15-2004.

Before and after last Christmas I called publication customer service many times and received different answers from different persons: someone said printer rush was completed, but they don't know why the file is not moving.

They e-mailed to special handler the situation, but never get response. Other representatives said Query is still open and ask me to call examiner to close the case. We can see there is no remarks such as "Query –Finished".

According to " FILE MAINTENANCE AND FINAL DATA CAPTURE ISSUE BUILD REQUIREMENTS" provided by USPTO's website indicated that: QUERIES

1. The Contractor shall send Printer Rush form to PUBS (paper or electronic)
2. Printer Rush resolution will be scanned into IFW.
3. Send IFW message to TC or Office of Petition.
 - a. Exemplary message to AU 1634 in TC 1600 are as follows:
1634 Examiner Dalton IDS req.12/18/03
 - b. Use PALM and perform the "PUBSTC" transaction. This will change the status and "ownership" of the application to the TC.
4. If there is no response, send a second message IFW.
An exemplary second message is as follows:
SECOND REQUEST 1634 Examiner Dalton IDS dated 12/18/03
5. After four weeks check IFW to see if there is a response to the Match and Return papers.
6. If there is a response, continue normal processing.
7. If there is no response, send IFW message to PUBSImage AssistanceCtr mailbox.
Exemplary message read as follows:
No response to M&R IDS of 12/18/03.

Ms. Semunegus responded to printer rush on 11-15-2004 and the signed and dated PTO-1449 was scanned into IFW. I guess that the Contractor missed to check examiner's response and leave the case open. We could never see "Query Request-Finished" remarks. The file will never be matched and the status and the "ownership" of the application still belong to TC.

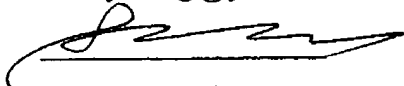
Mr. Carone, please help us to find a way to solve the publication problems. Someone should put "Query Request- Finished " and move the case forward. I guess that a lot of office moving on last November may cause the IFW or files mishandling by Contractor. That is quite understandable.

Thank You Very Much!
Very Respectively Yours!

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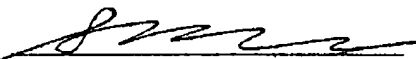
562-946-9336
Telephone

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I certify that on the date bellow I will fax this paper (including attachment) to Art Unit 3641 of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at 703-872-9306.

2-6-2005
Date

Larry S. Kong
Applicant


Signature

Attachment: 2 pages of e-mail exchange: between Examiner, Ms. Lulit Semunegus and inventor, Larry S. Kong on 2-3-2005

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Subject: RE: Status of Publicatin-10724643**Date:** Fri, 4 Feb 2005 11:48:18 -0500**From:** "Semunegus, Lulit" <Lulit.Semunegus@USPTO.GOV>**To:** "Larry Kong" <elarrykong@yahoo.com>

Mr. Kong,

Just to let you know, the case is complete on my side and all issues are to be directed to the publication customer service. I will be on vacation for the rest of the month so if you still don't get any response, you can call my supervisor at 703-306-4198. His name is Michael Carone. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Lulit Semunegus
Examiner
703-306-5960

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Kong [mailto:elarrykong@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 11:38 AM**To:** Semunegus, Lulit**Subject:** Status of Publicatin-10724643

Dear Ms. Semunegus,

Hi, as we talked on the phone on Jan. 19, 2005, we reached the conclusion that there is no technical problem for issuance and publication. Every thing is up to publication department.

According to IFW, which I can access through Privae PAIR, you responded to "Printer Rush(Query Request-Begin, which was recorded on 10-8-2004) on 11-15-2004. The person made the request should see the remarks on IFW and put "Query Request- Finished" on "File History". But we never see that happened.

I checked MPEP1390.02" Query/Printer Waiting" case , If printer rush has been responded, Application with paper file wrapper are picked up from the TC director's office by messenger and return to the Publishing division for forward to the printer.THESE APPLICATION SHOULD NOT BE MAILED TO THE PUBLISHING DIVISION.

Since we don't see " Receipt into Pubs" remark on my file history, we don't really know where it is.

I called publication customer service and get different answers: some one said printer rush has not been finished; some one said it was completed, but no one knew where is file and no response from contractor.

Please, help us to find out the status of publication. I know your time is very precious, but I have no other way to find out the status of application. Sorry to bother you!

Thank you very much !

Very Respectively

Larry S. Kong

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